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FM AMEMBASSY BANGUI

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AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

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SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF ZAIRIAN VISAS

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1. ZAIRIAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL INFORMED CONSULAR OFFICER THAT ZAIRIAN EMBASSY HAS BEGUN PROCESSING VISA APPLICATIONS FOR YOUNG OVERLAND TOURISTS WITH REFERRAL TO KINSHASA. THIS PROCEDURE TAKES SEVERAL DAYS, AND DOES NOT ALWAYS RESULT IN A CLEARANCE. HE STATED THAT IT IS BETTER FOR TOURISTS TO OBTAIN THEIR VISAS FROM THE ZAIRIAN EMBASSY IN THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THEY RESIDE, RATHER THAN WAITING UNTIL THEY GET TO BANGUI. NONE-THELESS, FOR THE TIME BEING AT LEAST, THE EMBASSY HERE WILL CONTINUE TO PROCESS APPLICATIONS.

2. FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH, THE OFFICIAL SAID THAT ONE OF THE REASONS THAT ENTRY TO ZAIRE WAS BEING MORE TIGHTLY CONTROLLED ARISES FROM THE FACT THAT MANY OF THE HIGH ZAIRIAN OFFICIALS WHO HAVE BEEN RECENTLY JAILED FOR GRAFT AND CORRUPTION ARE FROM AREAS AROUND MBANDAKA AND KISANGANI THAT TOURISTS NOR-

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MALLY TRANSIT. HE STATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT FEARS THAT

TOURISTS MIGHT BE SHOT OR KIDNAPPED BY THE KINSMEN OF THOSE
WHO ARE IN JAIL. CONSEQUENTLY GOZ HAS TIGHTENED ITS
CONTROL OF TOURIST MOVEMENT IN NORTHERN ZAIRE, INCLUDING
PORTS OF ENTRY AND INTERNAL POLICE CHECKS.
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